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Cotton growers to vote March 31

North Carolina cotton growers will vote March 31 on whether to continue a checkoff program that supports their industry.

The referendum would authorize an assessment of up to \$1.20 per bale of cotton, however, the North Carolina Cotton Producers Association Board of Directors plans to continue the assessment at the current rate of \$1 per bale. All North Carolina cotton producers who planted the crop in 2021 are eligible to vote in the referendum at their county Cooperative Extension office on March 31. Polling hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If the referendum is approved, the assessment would be in effect for (See Cotton assessment, pg. 2)

Poultry farmers urged to step up biosecurity

High Path Avian Influenza is confirmed in 139 wild waterfowl in Craven, Currituck, Hyde, Pamlico, Beaufort and Bladen counties. Two commercial farms in Kentucky, five commercial farms in Indiana and backyard flocks in Virginia, New York and Maine have also confirmed cases of HPAI. Additional updates to cases of HPAI can be found online at <https://www.ncagr.gov/avianflu/newsroom.htm>.

These are the first wild birds in the United States to have Eurasian H5 HPAI since 2016. The positive samples were collected by USDA as part of its ongoing surveillance program for early detection of HPAI in collaboration with state wildlife agencies.

"These findings continue to support

evidence that high path avian influenza is currently present in the Atlantic Americas migratory flyway," said State Veterinarian Mike Martin. "Wild birds can carry this virus asymptotically and potentially spread it to domestic poultry. We strongly encourage poultry owners to follow strict biosecurity measures for at least the next 30 days, as we continue to assess when these birds will migrate out of our state."

Biosecurity measures include keeping your birds isolated from other people and animals in an enclosed environment. Bird owners should also keep their flock away from ponds where they might encounter migrating birds.

"While sampling is occurring in the eastern part of the state, the Atlantic Americas migratory flyway covers

the entire state. This means that all bird owners need to implement strong biosecurity measures and keep their birds in an enclosed environment," Martin said.

This type of HPAI virus is considered a low risk to people according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, but it can be dangerous to other birds, including commercial and backyard flocks of poultry. HPAI is also not a food safety issue.

All bird owners are encouraged to know the warning signs of Avian Influenza and implement steps to protect their flock.

The warning signs of HPAI include:

- Reduced energy, decreased appetite, and/or decreased activity
- Lower egg production and/or soft-shelled or misshapen eggs

• Swelling of the head, eyelids, comb and wattles

• Purple discoloration of the wattles, comb and legs

• Difficulty breathing, runny nares (nose), and/or sneezing

• Twisting of the head and neck, stumbling, falling down, tremors and/or circling

• Greenish diarrhea

If your birds are sick or dying, report it right away to your local veterinarian, the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Veterinary Division at 919-707-3250, or the N.C. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System at 919-733-3986.

For more information on avian influenza and additional steps you can take to protect your flock visit www.ncagr.gov/avianflu.

Phase II of Swine & Dairy assistance program now accepting applications

■ Funds are for infrastructure improvements and cost share for closing or converting waste structures

The N.C. General Assembly approved \$30 million in federal COVID funds to assist eligible swine and dairy producers for losses incurred from termination of contracts or ceased milk production due to the pandemic. Phase II of the program focuses on infrastructure modifications and/or cost-share assistance for barns, hog houses, lagoons and waste structures. Funding for infrastructure and rebuild modifications are limited to swine operations only per legislation. (S.L. 2021-180)

"Swine and dairy industries face numerous challenges as a result of the pandemic and this program will help prepare North Carolina farmers for potential food supply chain issues and other disruptions," said Agriculture

Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Currently we are waiting for the N.C. Pandemic Recovery Office to submit a report to the U.S. Treasury for this program. Once this report is submitted, and upon approval of applications, funding will become available."

The application, eligibility requirements, and other program information can be found on the NCDA&CS website at www.ncagr.gov. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2023, but funds are limited so farmers are encouraged to apply early.

For questions about the program in general, please contact the COVID Assistance helpline at 866-747-9823. Applicants may also reach out to their local cooperative extension, Farm Service Agency or N.C. Farm Bureau offices for application support. Applicants seeking cost-share funds to close waste structures or to convert the structures to agricultural ponds may seek assistance from their local Soil & Water Conservation District Office.

From the tractor

by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler



Commissioner Troxler

As you look through the pages of this paper, I hope you will pay especially close attention to several assistance programs we are overseeing here in the department.

We have information on Phase II of the Swine and Dairy program on page 1, there is Tropical Storm Fred relief for 11 Western NC counties

included on page 2 and the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program on page 3. Together these three programs total \$118 million in assistance.

If you qualify or think you qualify for any of these programs, I encourage you to apply as quickly as possible. If you are missing information, we will have time to review your application and request the additional information.

With federal COVID monies and strong legislative support in the budget, we have a lot on our plate at the department – in fact we are overseeing close to a half a billion dollars between departmental funding (\$225 million) and grants and disaster assistance programs (\$227.6 million).

We are working hard to get money out to farmers and agribusinesses as quickly as possible. In addition to the projects noted above, we also have several programs ongoing including

the following two:

Various Block Grants to support farmers impacted by storms in 2018 and 2019 - \$79.6 million

Improving Meat Production, Efficiency and Capacity, or IMPEC, grants - \$17 million. These grants have helped 69 different companies across the state. We are already seeing a positive impact from these grants in improving our facilities and expanding production capacity.

The Tropical Storm Fred Relief program for Western NC opened February 11 and we are already seeing tremendous interest from farmers and producers in the covered counties. If you think you are eligible, I encourage you to get your application in before the April 15 deadline.

Collectively, these efforts will keep us on our toes. There is lots of information going out and online about

these programs. Be sure to check out our website at www.ncagr.gov for the latest information, deadlines and links to these programs, and, of course, keep reading your Ag Review newspaper.

Looking ahead, please be sure to mark your calendars for May 20-22 for the Got to Be NC Festival at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. This will mark the return of this popular event after a two-year break due to COVID.

We are looking forward to welcoming people back to the festival, our Got to Be NC members are looking forward to showcasing their products at the Food Lion Local Goodness Marketplace during the event and we are ready to celebrate N.C. agriculture and agribusinesses in a big way. I hope you will join us for this fun, family event.

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Assistance available for farmers in 11 Western NC counties for Tropical Storm Fred losses

The application period is open for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Agricultural Crop Loss Program for farmers who suffered losses to Tropical Storm Fred.

The program will cover losses of crops, feed, livestock, aquaculture and farm infrastructure for farmers in Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, Mitchell, McDowell, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties. The agricultural commodities must have been planted but not harvested, or for aquaculture commodities raised on or before, Aug. 17, 2021.

“Tropical Storm Fred did significant damage to many of our

western counties. I am thankful that the General Assembly allocated \$50 million to assist these farmers with losses incurred during this event,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “We encourage farmers to submit their application for assistance quickly to ensure they meet the March 11 deadline.”

Agricultural commodities included in this program are apples, barley, corn, dry peas, flax, forage, freezing and canning peas, grain sorghum, grapes, hay, industrial hemp, native grass, nursery crops, nuts, oats, peanuts, potatoes, rye, soybeans, sunflowers, sweet corn, tobacco, tomatoes, wheat, specialty crops and other fruits and

vegetables. Stored grain is not included in the program. Livestock commodities include cattle, sheep, swine, goats, farmed cervids and bison. Horses, mules and other equine are only included if they are used for production of agricultural commodities.

The grant application and required forms can be downloaded from the NCDA&CS website at www.ncagr.gov. The deadline to apply is March 11. For questions about the program in general, call 866-747-9823. Applicants may also reach out to their local cooperative extension, Farm Service Agency or N.C. Farm Bureau offices for application support.

To keep up with the latest on the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, check out our blog at www.ncagr.gov/blog, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Got to Be NC Festival seeks tractors, vendors



Planning is underway for the 2022 Got to Be NC Festival and organizers are looking for the best of North Carolina to participate. Got to Be NC vendors and farm-equipment hobbyists can apply at ncstatefair.org. The Got to Be NC Festival will be held at the N.C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, May 20-22.

The annual event features food, wine and beer from across North Carolina, farm animals, music, rides and games, and one of the largest displays of antique tractors and farm equipment in the Southeast.

Calling antique tractor enthusiasts and tractor clubs

The festival is also looking for tractor collectors and clubs who want to be part of the event, including a daily tractor parade through the fairgrounds for tractors in working order. Participation is free and open

to individuals and clubs, but pre-registration is required. Contact Pat Short at 336-706-9796 to register or for questions. National farm broadcaster Max Armstrong will be on hand to announce the Sunday, May 22, tractor parade lineup.

Got to Be NC members wanted for the Homegrown Marketplace

April 1 is the deadline for North Carolina-based food and beverage companies interested in participating in the Homegrown Marketplace. To be eligible for the Homegrown Marketplace, vendors must be members of the Got to Be NC marketing program. Got to Be NC program members should contact Sherry Barefoot at sherry.barefoot@ncagr.gov with questions.

Registration forms and vendor applications for the Homegrown Marketplace are available at <https://gottobenc.com/event/gtbn-festival/>.

Boll weevil assessment stays at 75 cents

The board of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation of North Carolina has set the 2022 boll weevil assessment at 75 cents per acre of cotton. The amount remains the same as in 2021.

The fee supports the foundation’s efforts to monitor cotton acreage in North Carolina for any re-introduction of the boll weevil and to respond promptly with eradication treatments if necessary.

“We certainly don’t want to see the return of this devastating pest, and this program has helped us keep an eye on cotton fields in case of any spot re-introductions so they can be quickly addressed,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “I consider this to be a good investment for cotton farmers.”

Foundation contractors will install the green-colored traps and monitor from late summer until after harvest and frost. Because the focus of North Carolina’s program

has shifted from eradication to monitoring, the number of traps in fields has decreased. As such, each trap is critical, and farmers are encouraged to contact the foundation if traps are damaged or knocked down.

More than 6,650 traps were placed and maintained in North Carolina last year, with each trap monitoring an average of 54 acres. To allow for trapping and monitoring, cotton growers are required to certify cotton acreage with their local U.S. Farm Service Agency office by July 15.

Farmers in 48 counties grew 363,609 certified acres of cotton last year. This acreage represented an 8 percent increase from 2020. The top three cotton-growing counties were Halifax, Martin and Northampton.

To learn more about the boll weevil monitoring program, go online to <http://www.ncagr.gov/plantindustry/entomology/BW.htm>

Bucolic briefs

The Equestrian Exchange Tack Consignment Sale to buy and consign anything related to the equestrian sport will be held March 24-27 at the Holshouser Building, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh. Sale features saddles, tack, driving equipment, show clothing for all disciplines of riding, barn supplies, carts, horse trailers and other animal items. Bar code tagging on event website allows consignor to view sales from home. Tagging guidelines mandatory. Consignors drop off priced, tagged items March 22 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sale dates are March 24-27. A special premier shopping night open to public for \$10 cash only will be March 24 from 5 to 10 p.m. Open shopping with free admission is March 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and March 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Some items discounted 1/2 off March 27. Unsold items to be picked up on March 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. or March 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or they are donated. Please make arrangements if you want unsold items returned. Items cannot be stored or transferred sale to sale. Refer to donation page to see how we help our equestrian programs in our community. Consignors earn 70%, donate unsold items to NC non-profit equestrian organizations if desire. Volunteers all ages needed, shop before consignors, consignors shop before public. Sign up on website. Payment accepted: cash, NC checks with 2 IDs approved, debit and credit cards with fee/per card transaction. N.C. government regulations for COVID followed for everyone’s safety. DROP and GO and PICK up and Go (no wait or scanning in items waived) consigning available, see website. Waivers to be signed at drop off. For more information go to www.EquestrianExchange.com or contact Lynn Beeson 336-362-6248 or Tanya Wright 540-977-1950.

The N.C. Transportation museum is hosting weekend of tractors, trains and fun April 1 & 2. See modern tractors, antique farm equipment, farm life demonstrations and more. With kid’s activities, music and hayrides, this is an event for the whole family. This annual event is reserved for students, home school groups, and other pre-formed groups on Friday, April 1, receiving special admission rates. The general public is invited to enjoy the fun on Saturday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., ending with a Parade of Tractors at 3 p.m. Along with our regular passenger train ride, hop on our Caboose Train pulled by the JEDDO COAL Steam Locomotive #85 on April 2. Visit nctransportationmuseum.org, or call 704-636-2889 to enter your tractor or farm equipment or to purchase tickets.

As a way to help farmers and agricultural workers stay safe at work, the N.C. Department of Labor offers safety videos on a variety of topics through its YouTube channel. Video topics include: preventing green tobacco sickness, hazard communication, tobacco harvester safety, heat stress, migrant housing requirements, forklift safety, and information about the NCDOL’s Gold Star Growers program. The videos are in English and Spanish to increase understanding of safety hazards and preventing accidents. To learn more about the NCDOL and the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau, go to www.nclabor.com or call 1-800-NC-LABOR (800-625-2267). NCDOL is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOL).

Beekeepers with bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post information on the BeeLinked website at www.ncagr.com/beelinked. The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Apiculture Program. Anyone interested in listing their information can do so by filling out an online Submit Your Ad form on the BeeLinked page or by contacting NCDA&CS at 919-233-8214 or by email at NCHoneybee@ncagr.gov or call NCSU at 919-515-1660. The NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division regulates the movement of ag or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests. Beekeepers participating in this program will be required to comply with all honey and bee industry regulations.

Cotton assessment

(Cont’d from pg. 1)

another six years and continue to be collected by the gin and sent to the N.C. Cotton Producers Association, a nonprofit organization based in Nashville.

The checkoff program supports improvements in cotton production, marketing and research, and also promotes the general interests of North Carolina’s cotton industry.

Troxler promotes two to leadership positions

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler has recently promoted Evan Davis of Wake Forest to serve as director of the Farmland Preservation Division and Jon Lanier of Raleigh to serve as General Counsel.

Davis previously served as Farmland Preservation's assistant director and has been with the division for nearly a decade. Davis replaces Dewitt Hardee, who retired from the department at the start of 2022.

"Evan has worked his way up through Farmland Preservation since he came to the department, and he brings a deep understanding of the division's mission with him. As assistant director, he was instrumental in managing the conservation easements that have preserved thousands of acres of farmland across North Carolina," Troxler said. "I can think of no one else more qualified to lead this division than Evan, and I am



excited to see what he accomplishes in the years to come."

Davis is a 2011 graduate of Elon University and holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science as well as master's



Jon Lanier, at left, was promoted to General Counsel for the department. Evan Davis, at right, was promoted to director of the Farmland Preservation Division.

degrees in Public Administration and Project Management from UNC Chapel Hill and Western Carolina University, respectively. He joined Farmland Preservation in 2012 as an information

processing technician before being promoted to administrative officer in 2017 and assistant director in 2018.

Lanier had served as assistant general counsel since June 2019. He

replaces outgoing general counsel Tina Hlabse.

"Jon Lanier was a natural choice to fill the role of general counsel, and I am proud to have him step up into that position," Troxler said. "Jon has been with the agriculture department for nearly 20 years, and his wealth of experience across all facets of our work will be invaluable."

Lanier holds a bachelor's degree in Trust Management and a Masters of Business Administration from Campbell University, and a Juris Doctor degree from Campbell Law School. He joined NCDA&CS in 2004 as an agency legal consultant before being promoted to Assistant General Counsel. While at NCDA&CS, Lanier has served as counsel for the Agricultural and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and handled human resources and real estate work for the department.

\$38 million available to restore streams and waterways

It may be an exaggeration to say Mitch Miller is dreaming of how to spend some of the \$38 million appropriated in the latest state budget to help reduce flooding in North Carolina. The exaggeration would only be slight though. As a soil and water conservationist in Cumberland County, he has plenty of ideas about how he could put that money to work to help protect people and property from flooding.

"I've got several sites right now that I know we need to spend that money on," Miller said.

Miller was one of the 250 people involved in soil and water conservation who recently attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. That's when he and others got a full presentation about the funding.

In the 2021-2023 budget bill, the General Assembly allocated the \$38 million to create the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP). Lawmakers gave authority to supervise and administer the program to the state's Soil and Water Conservation Commission, working closely with the Division of Soil and Water Conservation within the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The goal is to help communities in "protecting and restoring the integrity of drainage infrastructure through routine maintenance to existing streams and drainage ways."

The legislation covers these three main ways to protect and restore streams and waterways with maintenance:

- clearing debris or sediment that has caused blockages
- stabilizing and restoring streams and streambanks
- rehabilitating or improving certain small watershed structural projects that were previously constructed "pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, as amended."

"This is a monumental step to help us prevent future flooding," said Ag Commissioner Steve Troxler. "While we have previously secured federal and state money to clear debris from waterways after flooding events such as hurricanes, those efforts were reactive approaches that were part of disaster recovery funds. StRAP now allows us to be proactive so we can hopefully reduce flooding and protect people's property before the next big flood event happens. I'm grateful that the General Assembly understood the need for this program."

David Williams, deputy director of the Division of Soil and



The \$38 million Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program is designed to help clear debris or sediment that slows water flow and leads to flooding. It's a proactive measure.

Water Conservation in NCDA&CS mentioned that multiple disaster recovery funding bills from 2016 to 2019 set aside a total of \$49 million for stream debris removal. That money could only be used in counties that were declared disaster areas from specific events. He also mentioned there is still more need, including a more proactive stream debris removal approach.

"There will still be remaining unmet need [even with StRAP]," Williams said. "I wouldn't be surprised if we get 50 to 80 million dollars worth of requests."

"If we get another Florence, StRAP won't eliminate flooding, but it should reduce flooding because when you get 30 inches of [rain] water it's got to go somewhere, and of course it's going to go where the low-lying areas are. StRAP is going to address those issues where pre-existing debris got the [waterway] blockages started and just got bigger because of the additional debris load that was added. If we can get that pre-existing debris out of there, the stream channel will be better able to handle the extra flow that comes from the extra rain."

Williams also explained that floods that have been worsened by debris blockages aren't just a concern for property but also for people's safety. For example, when remnants of Hurricane Eta in 2020 and Tropical Storm Fred in 2021 brought heavy rain to parts of North Carolina, debris blockages held back water from moving freely down drainage ways (e.g., rivers,

creeks or other streams). So with water held back, areas upstream flooded worse, and when some debris blockages gave way, a surge of water was released downstream with devastating results.

"Much of what we saw in Eta and Fred came from pre-existing debris that created a blockage, and that blockage ultimately gave way, and then there was a wall of water just like a dam breaking."

According to a National Hurricane Center report, "there were seven direct fatalities due to Eta in the United States, all drownings due to flash flooding in North Carolina. ...In Alexander County, five persons ranging in age from 1 to 76 drowned at a campground, and a 64-year-old man was killed when he drove his vehicle onto a collapsed bridge. An 11-year old child drowned in flood waters in Wake County."

Miller was interested to hear that the StRAP funding could help continue, expand and/or partially pay for some debris removal work already underway or identified as needed. Again, he already has several potential projects in mind.

"Down the road as we see more hurricanes coming in, people are really going to see the benefits of StRAP because right now you don't see it, but if we get a hurricane in 2023 or 2024, you're going to see the benefits," Miller said.

"I think it's great," Miller said of StRAP. "I think it's a good way for the Division of Soil and Water and the local soil and water conservation districts to partner up and work together and get this money spent in a timely manner. It's going to take a team effort to get all of it done."

Williams admitted the timeline for the program is a challenge. Since the budget wasn't approved until mid-November, it only leaves about a year and half to get \$38 million worth of projects identified and completed or at least under contract. Since the money has only been set aside for the 2021-2023 budget, there's no guarantee that the funding will be continued past the end of June 2023.

For now, Williams and others in the Division of Soil and Water Conservation are trying to get the word out to any local entity that may qualify and have ideas for projects. There is a webpage dedicated to the program, and there have been two online Q&A sessions, with others possible. More details can be found on that webpage at www.ncagr.gov/SWC/watershed/StRAP.html

State's updated Forest Action Plan ready to roll out

North Carolina's updated forest action plan has been approved by the USDA Forest Service and is now ready to be implemented by forestry stakeholders across the state.

The plan is a thorough review of the state's forestland, focusing on changes and trends that have occurred since 2010. The plan not only evaluates past and current forest conditions, but also addresses factors that may impact forest health and sustainability moving forward.

"Input from our forestry partners, along with the efforts of multistakeholder working groups and our forest service staff, has paved the way for this plan," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "With the continued work of our N.C. Forest Service and forestry partners across the state, this plan will serve as a roadmap for efforts on the ground to protect, conserve and enhance our forest resources and the many benefits we enjoy from them."

Updating North Carolina's Forest Action Plan was a collective effort, involving feedback from nearly 70 organizations on the conditions, needs and opportunities of the state's forests.

Many of the recommended strategies identified in North Carolina's initial forest action plan,

which was released in 2010 as a result of the 2008 Farm Bill, have been successfully put into action. Among those accomplishments have been reforestation projects, prescribed burns and the mitigation of forest fuels to reduce wildfire risk. Longleaf restoration and the conservation of priority species and habitats have made significant gains as well.

"One trend worth noting has been the collaboration between new partners, often resulting in opportunities for private forest landowners and for land conservation that may have otherwise been unavailable," said Assistant Agriculture Commissioner Scott Bissette. "The intent is for all forest stakeholders in North Carolina to use this plan as a guide for including applicable strategies into their organization's efforts so we can collectively roll out this plan, keeping our woodlands healthy, resilient and productive."

To learn more about North Carolina's updated forest action plan, the national priorities and goals behind it and the plan's associated Geospatial Viewer, visit www.ncforestactionplan.com/.

Son expands on dad’s vision to offer access to healthy foods

When Demetrius Hunter looks around his community, he sees a lot of fast food and convenience stores. He is on a mission to change that.

Hunter is program director for Grocers on Wheels, a non-profit initiative that works to decrease rural and urban community’s food insecurity. The initiative provides a mobile market to areas in Southeast Raleigh, Wake and Durham counties in areas considered food deserts.

The initiative visits properties, businesses, organizations and senior communities by invitation and set appointments by property managers or home owners.

“Our mission is to provide affordable, accessible, fresh foods and healthy baked goods to low-income areas and we are doing this every week with delivery of fresh local foods, obtained directly from North Carolina farmers and others, to low-income communities experiencing food insecurities,” Hunter said. The service accepts mobile EBT/SNAP food stamps, debit cards, credit cards and cash.

The legacy of Grocers On Wheels was started by Demetrius’s father, Zelb Hunter, in Johnston County. As a young man Zelb watched his father farm the land. As he became an adult, Zelb Hunter decided to grow a garden on his own and began to sell the produce he harvested in the city of Raleigh.



Demetrius Hunter has expanded his dad’s work with Grocer’s on Wheels to include the Black Farmers Hub, featuring products from Black farmers and Black specialty product producers. Grocers on Wheels and the Black Farmers Hub seeks to serve underserved communities with healthy foods.



“My dad began to offer produce from his garden during the Great Depression by mule and cart. They started the mobile market and delivered primarily to senior citizens,” said Demetrius Hunter. “He did this until 2008, dedicating his life to providing fresh produce to underserved communities. The only time he didn’t was the four years he served in World War II. In high school and after high school I would help my dad. I remember how excited people would get when he would arrive. When dad retired, I took over and continued the mission.”

Hunter has expanded on his father’s legacy. He currently operates the Black Farmer’s Hub in Southeast Raleigh which is opened daily and provides

fresh produce, meats and specialty products. “We currently work with nine Black farmers and about 15 to 20 Black specialty product producers,” Hunter said. “The store provides us an outlet to support Black business owners as well as offer nutritious and healthy products to an underserved area.”

The pandemic offered a growing challenge to the mobile grocer, as the food crisis expanded so did the customer base. “A lot of our community worked in retail, restaurant and hospitality,” Hunter said. “When these businesses shut down people needed food and they needed it right away. The Black Farmers Hub also had its grand opening in the middle of the pandemic.

“We have had hits and misses with

the business, in particular when Covid cases would rise. But we offer a business that provides fresh and nutritious- and a mindset that we want our community not only well fed but educated on how to be healthier,” he said. “Fast food and convenience stores usually offer food that is highly processed and lacking nutrition. We want to offer our community the choices they need to be healthy.”

Recently, Hunter’s vision for healthy communities has led him to rural Warren County. Grocers on Wheels has been setting up it’s mobile market to provide fresh produce and specialty products in a county that is currently served by only one grocery store.

The market sets up on Soul City

Farm, owned and operated by LaTonya Andrews, a fourth-generation farmer and Air Force Veteran. Andrews is also Hunter’s wife and shares his mission to provide healthy and local produce to underserved communities.

“We are hoping in the next six months to a year to open up a grocery store in Warren County. We will continue with our Black Farmers Hub in Raleigh as well. Now that we are in the Northern part of the state we are meeting quite a bit more farmers as well, which will help serve both our urban location in Raleigh and our rural community in Warren County”

March AgroTips

Test for nematodes before planting vegetables.

Nematodes pose a major threat to nearly all vegetable crops in all soils. Unless you intend to apply a preplant fumigant, it is a good idea to collect soil samples for nematode assay before seedlings are planted and mulched. Any steps to prevent nematode problems must be taken long before the crop is established. For information on collecting and submitting samples for nematode assay, visit www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/uyrnem.htm.

In home gardens, no chemicals are available for nematode management. However, there are some plant cultivars with resistance to root-knot nematodes.

Now is the time to collect tissue samples from wheat.

Depending on where you live, you may need to sample now (eastern counties) or wait until late March (western counties). The best time to take tissue samples is when the wheat is at Zadoks Growth Stage 30 or Feekes Stage 4-5. At these growth stages, stems are upright and tillering has stopped. To collect a sample, break wheat plants off about 1/2 inch above the ground. Each sample should consist of about two handfuls of wheat—a composite gathered from 10 to 20 areas throughout the field. A pictorial guide to tissue sampling is available online at www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/pictorial.htm. Be sure to read the new wheat sampling and fertilization guidelines from NCSU.

When growing peanuts, use agronomic tests to monitor zinc levels in the soil.

Growers who value the prime farmland where peanuts are produced should consider using alternate sites for waste application. Peanuts are very sensitive to certain metals found in waste, particularly zinc. Soils with NCDA&CS zinc index (Zn-I) values as low as 300 can be toxic to peanuts, even though other crops can tolerate levels up to Zn-I=2000.

In some areas, soil test data for peanut land already appear to show increases in zinc levels, indicating that waste is being applied to these fields. An important aspect of managing sites where waste is applied is to maintain a pH of 6.0–6.5. Low soil pH increases the availability and toxicity of metals.

Apply lime now if recommended by your soil report.

If you have already submitted soil samples and your report recommends lime, go ahead and apply it as soon as possible. You may want to aerate lawns before application to maximize the ability of the lime to move into the soil profile. Liming soils to the target pH of the intended crop increases availability of plant nutrients already in the soil and supplies additional calcium and/or magnesium. Since liming can take up to 6 months to adjust pH, it is important to apply lime as far in advance of planting as possible.

Horse Events

Southeastern Ag Center, Lumberton 910-618-5699

March 4-6..... Cowboy Mounted Shooting. Contact Pamela Lohrey, 540-570-8785
March 7..... Horse & Tack Auction. Contact Brad Stephens, 828-390-0878.
March 19..... Da Bomb Barrel Racing. Contact Josh Smith, 910-639-6387.
March 26..... BBHA Open Show. Contact Jerry King, 910-237-4525.

Sen. Bob Martin Agricultural Center, Williamston, 252-792-5111

March 4-6..... Hopping Into Spring. Contact Travis Alford, 252-450-5438.
March 11 & 12..... N.C. Barrel Bonanza. Contact Fred Smith, 252-883-1641.
March 18-20..... SERHA March Into Spring. Contact Daniel Blackburn, 919-669-9486.
March 26 & 27..... March Magic Dressage. Contact Cassidy Oeltjen, 618-201-3290.
March 31-
April 4..... Martinganza Quarter Horse Show & Futurity. Contact Susan Daniels, 919-894-0600.
April 9 & 10..... NCHJA “C” Horse Show. Contact Emily Bates, 252-378-4474.
April 15-17..... ECMHC Spring Fling Miniature Horse Show. Contact Katie Pulley, 757-334-6016.
April 23 & 24 April’s Just Horsin’ Round. Contact Beth Tew, www.justhorsinround.com.
April 30-
May 1..... N.C. East Coast Regional 4-H Youth Horse Show. Contact Northeast 4-H Horse Council, 252-793-2163.
May 7 & 8..... NCHJA “C” Horse Show. Contact Emily Bates, 252-378-4474.

WNC Ag Center, Fletcher 828-687-1414

March 4-6..... NBHA Super Show. Contact organizers at 706-722-7223.
April 22-24..... Good Times Barrel Racing: 2nd Annual Spring Classic. Contact Stacey Warner, 864-992-8664.
April 30 &
May 1..... West District 4-H Horse Show. Contact WNC Ag Center, 828-687-1414.
May 6 & 7..... Asheville Spring Warm-Up. Contact Liz Holmes, 919-672-3741.
May 11-14..... Asheville Saddlebred Classic Show. Contact Liz Holmes, 919-672-3741.
June 16-19..... Piedmont Paso Fino Horse Show. Contact Ashley Aldred, 704-778-6717.

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, 919-821-7400

March 5 & 6..... Raleigh Winter Dressage. Contact Janine Malone, 919-269-7307.
March 11-13..... NCHJA “C” Indoors. Contact Joan Petty, 919-669-9877.
March 17-20..... Raleigh Indoors Spring Classic. Contact Joan Petty, 919-669-9877.
March 23-26..... Raleigh Spring Premier Benefit. Contact Joyce Wilson, 919-365-5149.
April 2-4..... NCHJA “C” Indoors. Contact Joan Petty, 919-669-9877.
April 9-11..... Region 12 & 15 Arabian Show. Contact Myra Daniel, 919-614-7477.
April 15-17..... Raleigh Invitational Show. Contact Joyce Wilson, 919-365-5149.
April 23-25..... Spring Holiday Classic. Contact Richard Isley, 336-908-3302.
April 23-25..... NCHJA “C” Outdoors. Contact Joan Petty, 919-699-9877.
April 30-May 2..... NCQHA Tarheel Spring Classic. Contact Randy Ratliff, 336-339-8773.
May 8 & 9..... TWH May Days Show. Contact Kim Moser, 919-219-0256.
May 22 & 23..... Wake County 4-H Youth Open Horse Show. Contact Heather Schaffer, 919-250-1093.
May 26-29..... Southern States Regional Morgan Horse Show. Contact Liz Holmes, 919-672-3741.

*Show dates are subject to change. Call ahead to confirm.

Stores pay penalties for price scanner errors

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services’ Standards Division has collected fines from stores in Camden, Chowan, Durham, Hertford, Nash, New Hanover, Moore, Randolph, Sampson, Surry, Union, Vance, Wake, Watauga, Wayne, and Yadkin counties because of excessive price-scanner errors.

“Our Standards Division inspectors work to protect consumers by comparing the price on the shelf and the price at the register to be sure they match,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Stores have a responsibility to make sure their pricing is accurate, and most stores pass inspection. Ones with errors face fines until they come into compliance.”

The department conducts periodic, unannounced inspections of price-scanner systems in businesses to check for accuracy between the prices advertised and the prices that ring up at the register. If a store has more than a 2-percent error rate on overcharges, inspectors discuss the findings with the store manager and conduct a more intensive follow-up inspection later. Undercharges are also reported, but do not count against a store. Consumers who would like to file a complaint about scanner errors

they encounter, can call the Standards Division at 984-236-4750.

Penalties are assessed if a store fails a follow-up inspection. In addition to the penalties paid, the store will be subject to re-inspection every 60 days from the last inspection until it meets the 2-percent-or-less error rate. Additional penalties may be assessed if a store fails a re-inspection

Following are civil penalties recorded in the fourth quarter of 2021:

(Camden) Dollar General at 917 NC 343 S., Shiloh has paid \$5,000 in fines. An initial inspection in October found a 10-percent error rate based on five overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in November found an 18-percent error rate based on 54 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Chowan) Dollar General at 1503 Virginia Road, Edenton has paid a total \$10,000 in fines. An initial inspection in August found a 16-percent error rate based on eight overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found a 12.67-percent error rate based on 38 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in November found a 13.67-percent error rate based on 41 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Durham) Wal-Mart at 1049 Durham Road, Roxboro has paid \$1,260 in fines. An initial inspection in August found a 4-percent error rate based on four overcharges in a 100-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found a 3.67-percent error rate based on 11 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in November.

(Hertford) Dollar General at 914 West Main St., Murfreesboro has paid \$5,000 in fines. An initial inspection in October found a 14-percent error rate based on seven overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in November found a 17.67-percent error rate based on 53 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Nash) Wal-Mart at 1205 Eastern Ave., Nashville has paid \$5,000 in fines. An initial inspection in September found a 6-percent error rate based on six overcharges in a 100-item lot. A follow-up inspection in October found a 13-percent error rate based on 39 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(New Hanover) Wal-Mart at 5226 Sigmon Road, Wilmington has paid \$3,665 in fines. An initial inspection in May found a 3-percent error rate based on three overcharges in a 100-item lot.

A follow-up inspection in June found a 4.33-percent error rate based on 13 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in August found a 7-percent error rate based on 12 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A fourth inspection in October found a 4-percent error rate based on 12 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(New Hanover) Dollar General at 1136 Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach has paid \$4,550 in fines. An initial inspection in June found a 14-percent error rate based on seven overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in July found a 5-percent error rate based on 15 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in September found a 6-percent error rate based on 18 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in November.

(Moore) Dollar General at 1369 North Sandhills Blvd., Aberdeen has paid \$2,655 in fines. An initial inspection in September found a 12-percent error rate based on six overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in October found an 8-percent error rate based on 24 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in December.

(Randolph) Dollar General at 435 Highway 49 S., Asheboro has paid \$975 and owes \$1,805 in fines. An

initial inspection in August found a 6-percent error rate based on three overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found a 3-percent error rate based on nine overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in December found a 3.67-percent error rate based on 11 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Randolph) Walmart at 2628 S. Main St., High Point has paid \$2,940 in fines. An initial inspection in September found a 3-percent error rate based on three overcharges in a 100-item lot. A follow-up inspection in October found an 11-percent error rate based on 33 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Sampson) Dollar General at 14265 Spiveys Corner Highway in Newton Grove has paid \$4,175 in fines. An initial inspection in June found an 8-percent error rate based on four overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in July found an 8-percent error rate based on 24 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in September found a 3.67-percent error rate based on 11 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in November. **(See Price scanner errors, pg.8)**

Nine to serve on Spiritous Liquor Advisory Council

Nine representatives have been appointed to serve on the inaugural N.C. Spiritous Liquor Advisory Council created in the 2021 session of the N.C. General Assembly.

Members are:
Pete Barger of Southern Distilling Company in Statesville;
Brian Call of Call Family Distillers of Wilkesboro;
Michael “Mike” Yates of Republic National Distributing Company of Charlotte;
Meredith McCormack of Beam Suntory of Wake Forest;
Greg Stallings of the ABC Commission in Raleigh;

Walter Harris, chairman of the Chatham County ABC Board in Pittsboro
Joel Keith of the Wake County ABC Board;
Jason Smith with the N.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association; and
Robert Fleming of Fleming Brothers Farm, LLC in Halifax.
The advisory council was established through Session Law 2021-150 House Bill 890 with the goals of growing the spiritous liquor industry in the state, improving the state’s rank as a spiritous-liquor producing state, raising awareness

of the industry and the quality of the products, developing a plan that identifies problems and constraints of the industry and offer advice and recommendations to the Commissioner of Agriculture.
Members must be members of the spiritous liquor industry, at least one representative of the N.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association, at least one representative of the N.C. Association of ABC Boards, at least one representative of the ABC Commission, and one person appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

UMO’s Dr. Sandy Maddox honored

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler presented Dr. Sandy Maddox, Dean for the School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, with the 2022 Excellence in Agriculture Award during the 17th Annual Tobacco Farm Life Museum Breakfast. It is one of the highest awards given to a N.C. professional in the ag industry.

Troxler noted that Maddox has spent 44 years as a public servant supporting agriculture, agricultural research, and education providing invaluable experience that she willingly shares with others daily.

“It’s my honor to recognize someone who is very special to all of us, especially me,” said Troxler. “She is a wonderful person and has a great attitude. Her passion for agriculture and education is evident when you see her working with students and inviting them to attend events, just as she has done today.”

Of the award, Maddox said, “I am very honored to have been selected to receive this award. To join the list of previous recipients is very humbling. I have been blessed to have had a career in the agriculture industry. I owe my successes to so many of my colleagues and the leaders with whom I have had the pleasure to work. To now have the opportunity to work with students at the University of Mount Olive and have the chance to guide them into careers in the field of agriculture, is more rewarding than I could have ever imagined.”

Maddox’s career in ag spans over four decades. As the Founding Dean for the School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences at the University of Mount Olive, Maddox has served as Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education, Director of the Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center, Chair for the Division of Agriculture, and currently as Dean for the School of Agriculture and Biological Sciences.



Dr. Sandy Maddox pictured with UMO students.

She also worked in the Soil Science Department at N.C. State in research; was a Horticultural Agent and County Extension Director for Cooperative Extension in Pender County; served as the Superintendent of the Horticultural Crops Research Station in Sampson County; and as the Director of the Division of Research Stations with NCDA; retiring from state service in 2007.

Maddox has been a member of the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Advisory Board, Wayne Extension Community Association Advisory Board, Tobacco Farm Life Museum Board of Directors, and participated in the Karl Best Leadership program and Leadership Wayne.

“Sandy’s work ethic is second to none and her visionary leadership has allowed students to take part in building the agricultural program at UMO into what exists today,” said UMO President Dr. H. Edward Croom, who was in attendance at the award presentation. “She has a passion and drive to make a positive difference in the lives of so many. I am pleased to see her receive this worthy honor and much deserved recognition.”

Classified Ads

Ads are run free for N.C. residents & can be submitted by mail to 1001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1001; online at www.AgReview.org; or by fax to 919-733-5047. Ads **must** include name, address including zip code, phone number including area code, and **price or price range for every item** being sold.

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Bees, Supplies & Services For Sale

NOTICE

N.C. law requires a permit to sell honey bees in the state. A permit is not required for: The sale of less than 10 bee hives in a calendar year, a one-time going-out-of-business sale of less than 50 hives, or the renting of bees for pollination purposes or their movement to gather honey.
Contact Don Hopkins, state apiarist, NCDA&CS, 1060 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1001 for information.

BEES

5-frame nucs in white wax-coated boxes, avail April, \$170; 3 lb. bee pkgs, \$120; queens, \$35. Dick Lippard, Statesville 704-682-4018.

5-frame nucs in reusable boxes, avail mid-late April; NC inspected, healthy, treated for mites, queens marked, \$160. Ken Medlin, Hurdle Mills 336-364-1915.

5-frame nucs w/marked queen, avail through June, transport box avail, \$175 plus \$20 deposit. Wayne Hansen, Charlotte 704-287-4805.

5-frame nucs in pro-nuc box, no frame exchange required, \$160. Jeff Telander, Elon 919-618-8094, telander@gmail.com.

BEEES

5-frame nucs w/2022 Italian queens, p/u appx 4/20, inclds transport box, \$165. Curtis Wooten, Burgaw 910-540-4611.

3 lb. pkg Italian bees, avail April, \$120; 5-frame nucs, \$160; queens avail end of March, \$30. Garry Whitley, Albemarle 704-982-0698.

Bee nuc colonies, avail through May, 5 deep frames, state inspected & permitted, \$175 in your equip w/\$20 deposit; nuc transport boxes avail. Libby Mack, Charlotte 704-953-0565.

2022 nucs, p/u mid-April, \$185 plus deposit. Bryan Fisher, Concord 980-521-8642.

VSH nucs, avail mid-April, \$200. Graylyn Bauguess, Hays 336-262-7179.

Used telescoping tops & inner covers, GC, \$15; Jester nucs, \$8.50; new hive bodies, unassembled, \$20. Brett Callaway, Hendersonville 828-696-6629.

Italian or Russian hybrid bee pkg, 3 lbs., w/ marked mated queen, p/u 4/3, \$125 ea plus deposit. James Fogleman, Pittsboro 919-542-3157.

5-frame nucs in white waxed box, avail mid-April depending on weather, \$160. Doug Medlin, Marshville 704-774-5355.



Equipment For Sale

Pequea feeder wagon, 25 ft., VGC, feeds appx 25 cows, good for feed, silage or hay; pressure washed & barn stored, \$5,000. Mark Mauldin, Salisbury 704-202-0112.

JD M tractor for restoration, \$1,000 obo. Kim Kidd, Fayetteville 910-308-9196.

Plow/row buster, fast hitch, attaches to Farmall Super A/100/140, sheltered, new paint, \$100. Curtis Fountain, Chinquapin 910-324-6103.

Hay elevator, 24 ft. long, 1/2 hp GE elect motor, good working cond, \$500. Judd Wike, Catawba 828-446-3535.

Intl 3-14 trip plow, \$700. Foy Kennedy, Lexington 336-470-4804.

NH TC33 tractor, 33 hp, 4x4, EC, hys trans, \$10,500. DeVane Williard, Randleman 336-362-6242.

JD hammer mill belt drive, \$250; IH 1-row silage chopper, \$500. Reagan Hudson, Vale 828-446-9824.

4 JD tractor rear wheel wgts, part #R61524, 141 lbs. ea, \$600. Rick Ingram, Greensboro 336-420-9253.

IH Hydro 84 diesel tractor, good trans, no hesitation, holds in neutral, 4,563 hrs., can be restored, \$7,500. Larry Foster Jr., Greensboro 931-801-1818.

FARM EQUIPMENT

Intl 140 w/cults, \$5,000. Ernest Pinnix, Eden 336-627-9303.

MF 848 loader, \$2,000; NH 853 5x5 baler, \$3,500; NH 256 hay rake, \$2,000; NH 260 hay rake, \$4,500. Frankie Shoffner, Liberty 336-339-5961.

Farmall Super A tractor, 1950s model, \$4,000 firm. Jeff Farmer, Wilson 252-296-6913.

1989 Roanoke tobacco harvester, \$7,000; 12 bx tobacco barns, diff brands, \$6,000-\$7,000; Taylor Big Foot baler, 3 pt, \$2,000; 2017 2-row mech transplanter, \$10,000; other items. Will McCallum, Rowland 910-740-3267.

JD 5-bottom plow, \$550; gearbox for early JD MX8 bush hog, GC, \$1500; quarter turn chute for NH sq baler, \$450. Johnny Harrison, Salisbury 704-213-0857.

Vicon RP1211M rnd baler, twine only, \$4,000; Lely Lotus 230 2-basket tedder, \$600; NH 56 rake, \$900; Case 550 haybine for parts or repair, \$400. Luther Lyrly, Salisbury 704-245-3752.

Hay wagons, 8x16, VG floors, new tires, \$1,800/\$1,500. Doug Foster, Concord 704-782-6627, after 5 p.m.

Farmall 140, sheltered, RW, \$4,200 Ron Foust. Whitsett 336-697-1279.

Scott aerator, model DA-20, ½ hp, 115v, 125 ft. power cord, sprays 6.5 ft. high, 22 ft. diam, new, \$1,200. Harlan Hall, Burlington 336-395-8135.

1954 Case tractor SC, 3 pt, \$3,200 nego; 1964 Ford 4000 gas tractor, 5-spd, \$4500; Ford 3000 diesel tractor, 1,977 hrs, \$5,500; other equip. Denny Barney, Mocksville 336-909-5180.

JD moco, 9 ft., stub guards, extra cut bars, \$2,900; Lely tedder/rake, 10 ft., \$1,425; Howse disc, 7 ft., 3 pt, 24 blades, LN, \$950. E.W. Gann, Yadkinville 704-985-6642.

NH 315 hay baler, \$3,750; Vicon 5 ft. 3 pt disc mower, \$600; 3 pt 4-wheel rake, \$300 obo; NH 254 tedder/rake, needs pto shaft, \$800. WD Wood, Garner 919-302-0549.

Farmall disc harrow, single bottom plow, orig Intl, 4 ft. bush hog, all 1 pt, VGC; 3 pt King Plow disc harrow, \$150-\$850. John Massey, Burlington 336-214-7560.

JD 459 hay baler, silage special, \$28,500; Crone 4-basket tedder, \$6,250. H.O. Davis, Elon 336-260-7606.

Cub Cadet 2082, new 20 hp Kol mag eng, 54 in. deck, front blade, ps, hyd trans, VGC, \$2,250. Brad Needham Carthage 910-295-7747.

JD 2240, 1,800 hrs., new back tire, \$10,000. Garner Jarrell, Mt. Airy 336-648-4288.

FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 12A combine, w/manual, updates, shed kept, \$650. N. Lee, Advance 336-998-8922, nights.

JD 64 rake, rollabar, \$2,000; NH 678 rnd baler, 5x5, twine tie, \$9,500; wagon, 8x24, all metal, 3-axle, rails for rnd bales, \$4,000. Randal Osborne, Sparta 336-572-2802.

1965 MF 135 tractor, gas, scrape blade, bush hog, boom pole, parts/attach, GC, always sheltered, \$4,900. W. Roberts, Newton 828-469-6114.

NH 489 haybine, \$3,800; NH 256 hay rake, \$2,000; IH 430 sq baler, w/hitch, loading chute, \$3,300; \$8,000/all. T.C. Hege, Lexington 336-247-2824.

2 grain bins, 24 ft. diam, 6-ring, w/drying floor & bin sweep, free for moving. David Marshburn, Burgaw 910-232-7945.

Cat D4E, eng good, bull blade w/tilt, root rake, tracks poor, clutches need adj, hyd leak at control, \$12,000 obo. John Vogels, Shelby 704-418-1452.

Farmall Super M52, 3 pt, RG, good paint, \$3,800. Steve Love, Graham 336-684-3874.

NH 463 disc cutter, 7 ft., \$3,000; NH 1035 hay wagon, \$3,500. Connie Tutor, Fuquay Varina 919-815-1179.

JD M, 40 & 1010 parts; wgts, cults, trans, sheet metal, more, \$5-\$100. Guy Hiniker, Oxford 919-815-0268.

2007 Kubota 3130 tractor, pre-emission, shuttle shift, Woods front end loader, new battery, no leaks, 31 hp Ag R1 tires, \$16,500. Kerry Nichols, N. Wilkesboro 336-262-8040.

JD 530 rnd baler w/monitor, 5x6 bales, \$4,500. Randy Hancock, Asheboro 336-302-6582.

Ford 309 planter, sheltered, GC, \$750. Chris Bynum, Ellerbe 910-995-1396.

Box blade, 6 ft., GC, \$500. Wilbur Davis, Wilmington 910-612-7374.

1995 Terragator 1803, w/ BBI poultry litter body, 14 ft. long, 10 ft. wide, holds 11-12 tons litter, Centerline 250 rate controller, \$30,000. Barry McSwain, Norwood 704-985-3751.

Ferguson 20D ind tractor, shuttle shift, recent new brakes, new fluids, w/Gil box blade, \$7,000 obo. Dennis McGinn, Salisbury 704-622-3262.

NH 451 sickle mower, 7 ft., \$1,650 obo. J. Hauser, Ararat 336-529-3320.

JD 4020 tractor, motor stuck, \$4,000. Jim Wehunt, Lawndale 704-692-0891.

Bush Hog brand bush hog, 7 ft., 3 pt, \$1,500; Bush Hog plugger, 5 ft. 3 pt, \$1,200; Cat box blade, 7 ft., \$1,000; Danuser post hole digger, \$1,200. Chris Witherspoon, Valdese 828-381-6857.

JD 60 tractor, mid-50s model, 2 cyl, GC, \$3,500; old dump-type hay rake, GC, \$300. Jones Reed, Hildebran 828-397-3235.

FARM EQUIPMENT

NH HM234 hay cutter, runs, needs some repairs, \$2,500. Joy Cline, Concord 704-786-4488.

Taylor-Way harrow, good discs & bearings, hyd cyl, \$2,500. Phil Wall, Madison 336-548-6605.

Oliver 770 tractor, gas, tricycle front, ps, 3 pt, good rubber & sheet metal, low hrs., EC, \$3,600. W. Cartner, Mocksville 336-408-1961.

JD bush hog, 5 ft., 3 pt, \$750 obo. Dave Blackwood, Greensboro 336-317-0831.

Cole veg seed planter, 3 pt, fert hopper, extra seed plates, GC, always sheltered, \$600. Paul Lowe, Hiddenite 828-514-6748, no texts.

JD 420-S, s/n 102184, center frame, 5-spd trans, axles, hubs, fenders, pto, \$800. Rocky Cook, Siler City 919-548-1194.

JD H, parade quality, new tires, correct gauges, good paint & sheet metal, \$6,000. Glenn Lowrey, Clemmons 336-408-6344.

Grain box & trailer, GC, \$300; wheat crawler, GC, \$300. J. Lloyd Mabe, Danbury 336-703-8232.

Leveling spike tooth harrow, 3 pt, used little, \$300. Olin Joyce, Madison 336-552-7771.

JD 720 moco haybine, 9 ft. sickle cult, new tires, VGC, \$4,500; NH hay wagon, 7x14, \$800. Donnie Bogle, Salisbury 704-245-4006.

3 pt cult for sm plants, 3 pt plow for potato digger or sm drain, \$300/all. Roy Scarboro, Archdale 336-431-7359.

Cub Cadet tractor, w/ Woods grooming mower, low hrs., \$8,995; Y.D. Saul, Elon 336-213-6292.

Hopper bottom grain bin, \$300. Ernestine Rigsbee, Knightdale 919-815-9140.

Sears cult, w/all shanks, extra shanks, plow pts, \$225; disc harrow, block box on top, \$225; mowing deck, \$325. Ben Briggs, Germanton 336-816-7591.

Farmall Super A, inclds 3 pt hitch, bush hog, disc & blade, all GC, \$2,000. Charles Brown, Morrisville 919-812-6310.

Ford 3-bottom trip plow, 14 in., 3 pt, EC, \$325. Earl Smith, Mebane 336-694-3147.



Equipment Wanted

JD L or LA tractor, running or not. D.C. Aaron, Snow Camp 336-567-9663.

Front end loader to fit MF 231 tractor, complete. David Creason, Asheboro 336-736-0771.

1972 AC combine, pull behind, must have good canvas & be in good running cond. Vernon Myrick, Carthage 910-948-3259.

Ford 309 corn planter plates; corn, beans, sorghum & filler plates; Ford 309 corn planters for parts. Charles Chamelin, Kernersville 336-769-4418.

EQUIPMENT WANTED

Doodlebug w/winch, GC. Randal Osborne, Sparta 336-572-2802.

Gleaner F2 or F3 w/heads, diesel; 4 or 6-row no-till planter finger pickup, no plate planters; JD 9400 combine. Jefferson Smith, Asheboro 336-736-4205.

Highly pathnogenic avian influenza alert

In January 2022, HPAI was found in the wildfowl population in the eastern United States including North Carolina wintering in the Carolinas. This disease represents a significant risk for all poultry owners. No cases have been found in domesticated birds in North Carolina. Poultry owners are strongly recommended to watch their birds for any signs of illness and to contact a veterinarian if they find sick or dead birds. Growers can also contact one of four NCDA&CS regional veterinary diagnostic labs for more information. Go to www.ncagr.gov/vet/ncvdl/VetLabFacilitiesDirectory.html for contact information. This disease can spread by infected wildfowl; therefore it is important to eliminate opportunities for your birds to come in contact with wild birds. Please keep your birds indoors at this time. Owners are also urged to be extra mindful of biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of this disease. This includes quarantining any new bird additions to your existing flock for at least two weeks to observe for signs of sickness, have a dedicated pair of shoes and clothing for working with birds that stay on your property, and avoid or be careful when visiting other poultry as the disease can spread not only by you and your clothing, but by vehicles as well. More information can be found at www.ncagr.gov/avianflu.



Poultry & Supplies For Sale

Game chickens, various breeds & ages, \$40-\$125. Ernest Pinnix, Eden 336-627-9303.

California, silver California, bluescales, gambels; 8 breeds bobwhite, partridge, Philby, chukar, Hungarians, \$3 & up. Jimmy Furr, Stanfield 704-888-0213.

Australian blk swans & mute swans, \$600 & up; Cape Barren geese, \$600 & up. Jim Simpson, Indian Trail 704-361-6497.

Red golden pheasants, \$75/pr; Lady Amherst pheasants, \$75/pr; Yellow golden pheasant cock, \$30; Humes bar-tail pheasant cock, \$50. Jack Guthrie, Pfafftown 336-413-0038.

POULTRY & SUPPLIES

Peacocks, India blue, 10 m/o, male & female, \$200 ea. Gary Mason, Apex 919-637-0014.

Peacock chicks, blk shoulder & India blue, \$30 ea; (1) India blue male, 1 y/o, \$100; (2) blk shoulder males, 1 y/o, \$100 ea. Richard Simmons, Chadbourn 910-640-7114.

Birmingham roller pigeons, performance bred, great spinners, \$20 & up. D.R. Dennis, Randleman 336-318-9285, after 6 p.m.



Poultry & Supplies Wanted

Buff cochin bantams, 3-4 young birds. Wade Shelton, Mt. Airy 336-374-2254.



Farm Labor For Sale

Vert & horz mowing, ponds, dams, shooting lanes, property, fence lines; food plot setting & plowing, \$75/hr. + deliv. Roger McKenzie, Jackson Springs 910-528-2293.

Fencing, farm, privacy, \$6.50/ft; deck bldg, \$100. Benjamin Glasscoe, Thomasville 336-726-4178.

Energizer repair, afw, tsc, ssc, parmak, zareba, \$20/hr. Bobby Nichols, N. Wilkesboro 336-927-2850.



Farmland For Sale

Land for sale must consist of at least 3 acres and be used for agricultural purposes, i.e. cultivation, raising livestock and/or other farm commodities.

Advertisers must indicate use of land.

Cropland for lease Granville co, certified organic, tobacco, soybeans, sweet potatoes, other, \$150/ac; 85 ac farm Granville co, 25 ac organic cropland, \$6,000/ac. Lee Bowling, Oxford 919-482-0535.

6.7 ac no. Davidson co, 2-stall barn, out bldgs, 2 br 1 ba brick home, appliances, needs work, \$240,000 obo. Rita Biggs, Germantown 336-816-7591.



Farmland Wanted

Pasture to lease for cows, Stanly or Rowan co. Darrell Furr, Richfield 980-581-1887.

Pasture to rent for cows in eastern Rowan co, Gold Hill area, ref avail. Michael Shepherd, Richfield 704-798-2383.

Land to lease for dove hunting & gundog training in Forsyth or surrounding co; will plant & maintain property. Randall Patterson, Winston-Salem 336-528-1074.

FARMLAND WANTED

Pasture to lease for cows, Stanly or Rowan co. Darrell Furr, Richfield 980-581-1887.

5+ ac to lease for 1-day youth dove hunt on 9/10/22, in Davidson or surrounding counties. Don Stroud, Midway 336-682-3456.



Hay & Grain For Sale

Horse quality fescue, 4x5 rnd, in barn, \$50; cattle & goat hay, 4x5 rnd, in barn, \$45. Justin Ridenhour, Salisbury 704-239-4032.

Fescue hay, 2021 cutting, 4x4 rnd bales, \$25 ea. Ken Dobbins, Reidsville 336-324-6615.

Horse quality hay, deliv avail, \$40/rl. H.O. Davis, Elon 336-260-7606.

Mixed grass hay, 5x5 rnd, outside & shed kept on pallets, hauling avail, \$15-\$55/bale. Earl McKee, Rougemont 919-812-3248.

Certified organic hay, mixed grass, millet, fescue, rnd bales, \$60 ea. Lee Bowling, Oxford 919-482-0535.

Corn in shucks, appx 100 bu, buyer loads, \$300. Bobby Matthews, Fuquay Varina 919-552-5976.

Mixed orchard grass, 2021 cut, 4x4 rnd, \$30/bale. Noel McCraw, Hendersonville 828-808-5803.

Wheat straw, \$3/bale. G.T. Underwood, Elon 336-380-5984.

Horse quality coastal bermuda hay, 250 sq bales, out of storage container/barn, \$6.50 ea. Gary White, Sanford 919-775-9769.

2021 fescue mix, 4x4 rnd, \$30/bale. Dillon Pinnix, Reidsville 336-587-9042.

Peanut hay, 4x4.5 rnd, net wrapped, shelter kept, can deliv 42 bales/load, \$30 ea; sq bales, 21/bundle, \$100. Larry Bullock, Robersonville 252-883-4748.

Orchard grass mix, sq bales, \$5 ea. J. Lloyd Mabe, Danbury 336-703-8232.

Oats/fescue mix, 4x5, stored inside, \$35/bale. Frankie Shoffner, Liberty 336-339-5961.



Horses & Supplies For Sale

PLEASE NOTE: All equine 6 mos. or older must have a current negative Coggins test. Advertisers must supply the accession number of test, the name of lab doing the test, the date of test and results for each equine advertised.

Bay stallion foal, 5 m/o, dob 8/24/21, spirited, reg dam & sire on site, halter broke but needs more work, \$1,100. Cheryl Preston, Greensboro 336-907-4122.

HORSES

Horse boarding, 8 ac pasture, barn, water, exercise area, \$135/mo; 2 or more, \$120/mo. Doug Holyfield, Dobson 336-407-8653.



Livestock For Sale

3 Red Angus yearling bulls, reg, great demeanor, calving ease, \$1,250-\$1,500. Loretta Batchelor, Bear Creek 919-542-7695.

Blk Angus bull, 4 y/o, Biltmore Renown 197E, American Angus Assoc #19150330, \$1,800. Wayne Carland, Mills River 828-674-3103.

Hereford/Jersey mix heifers, dob 4/24/21, \$700; dob 4/29/20, \$1,000. Bill Barkley, Salisbury 704-633-5040.

Reg Santa Gertrudis, calves, \$650 & up; bulls, \$1,000 & up; cow/calf pairs, \$2,500 & up. Charles O'Bryant III, Reidsville 336-908-0276.

Blk Angus bulls & heifers, good bloodline, \$750 & up. Franklin Lednum, Liberty 336-622-2389.

Open heifers, \$800 & up; bred heifers, \$135/lb.; cows w/1st calf, \$1,350; polled Hereford bulls, \$825 & up. Randy Davis, Elon 336-263-8163.

Polled Hereford bulls, \$700 & up. Randy Davis, Elon 336-263-8163.

Polled yearling & 2 y/o bulls, SimAngus & fb Simmentals, \$1,000-\$2,500. Preston Cornelius, Mooresville 704-664-5460 or 957-5654.

Wye Angus cows & bulls, superior genetics for grass-fed operations, \$1,200 & up. Harold Brubaker, Asheboro 336-302-4663.

Reg Angus bulls, 3 long yearlings, 16 m/o, gentle, easy calving, Baldrige Waylon KCF Bennett bloodlines, bse tested, \$2,500-\$3,500. Laureen Rumley, Burlington 336-675-1712.

Blk SimAngus bulls, polled, bred for calving ease, muscle & growth, \$2,000-\$2,500. William Pyle, Franklinton 919-215-5677.

Reg Hereford bull, dob 2/21, \$1,400. Kent Beck, Lexington 336-247-1179.

Belted Galloway bulls, pb, (1) 5 y/o, Fearrington Farm stock, can be reg, \$1,750; (1) 3 y/o, tested, VG belts, \$1,500. Nancy Anderson, Hillsborough 800-221-6322.

Charolais bulls & heifers, 7 mos & up, pb, polled, gentle, \$850 & up; Charolais/Angus x heifers, 7 mos & up, polled, gentle, \$825 & up. Johnny Harrison, Salisbury 704-213-0857.

Kiko/Savanna crosses, avail mid-May, kidded Feb '22, established, quality bloodlines, healthy, hearty, easy keepers, \$125-\$150. David Ward, Burlington 336-266-1457.

Reg Angus bulls, ready for service, bred for calving ease & efficiency, good feet & disposition, sell w/recent breeding soundness exam, \$2,800. Steve McPherson, Snow Camp 336-263-6042.



Livestock Wanted

Female alpacas. Dave Blackwood, Greensboro 336-317-0831.



Seeds & Plants For Sale

PLEASE NOTE: Individuals or businesses offering nursery stock for sale in North Carolina are required to obtain either a nursery or nursery dealer license. For more information, contact the NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division at 800-206-9333 or 919-707-3730.

Sunflower seeds, 12-14 lb. flower, 15-18 in. diameter, SASE & \$3/25 seeds; \$5/50 seeds. N. Smoot, 6227 Welborn Rd, Trinity, NC 27370.

Cockscomb seeds, huge blossom head, crimson color, 18 in. stalk, about 200 seeds, SASE & \$3 cash. Barry Cox, 6225 Welborn Rd, Trinity, NC 27370.

Elderberry cuttings, 2-node, unrooted, 1 ea York, Adams, Ranch, Bob Gordon, Wyldewood, Johns, Nova; price inclds shipping, \$28. Rick Langhorne, 7373 Brooks Bridge Rd, Gibsonville, NC 27249, 336-447-7622.

Natchez crepe myrtles, 5-6 ft. tall, \$19.95 ea. Greg Bruhn, Raleigh 919-790-0480.

Muscadine vines, healthy, potted, several varieties, 3-4 ft. tall, trimming & planting instr incld, \$15. Bob Whitaker, Mocksville 336-469-4822, no texts.

Tuberose bulbs, lrg order discount for mixed sizes, \$1-\$2. Cathy Reynolds, Salisbury 980-234-2515.

Old timey little white cucumber seeds, SASE & \$1/tsp cash. Jim Bostian, 6235 Riverbend Rd, Claremont, NC 28610, 828-459-9276.

Saw tooth oak trees, 1 y/o seedlings, \$2/ea; 2 y/o, \$4/ea. John Massey, Burlington 336-214-7560.

Peach trees, Windblow, Contender, China Pearl, \$10 ea. Danny Bynum, Ellerbe 910-334-9463.



Seeds & Plants Wanted

Fertile mole bean or castor bean seed, 2 doz. C.R. Horne, Fayetteville 910-323-0248.



Supplies For Sale

Lumber, walnut, cherry, white oak; kiln dried, furniture quality, \$2-\$7/bd ft. Judd Wike, Catawba 828-446-3535.

Old wooden tobacco barn, \$1,000 obo. Tony Thomas, Greensboro 336-267-5534.

Cattle lick tank, \$75; sm seed cleaner, \$500; hyd hose press, \$350. Reagan Hudson, Vale 828-446-9824.

FARM SUPPLIES

Old wood cook stove, GC, \$800. Patricia Bradsher, Oxford 919-691-3521.

Bolt cutter, 42 in., \$30. J. Greene, Granite Falls 828-396-5236.

Sawmill blade, 48 in., \$200; plastic barrels w/solid top, \$10 ea; water totes, \$75-\$100 ea; plastic jugs, 15-gal, \$20 ea; burning barrels, \$10 ea. Jeff Brittain, Hickory 828-327-4782.

Heart pine lumber flitches, old growth, 2 1/8 in. thick, 10-32 in. wide, 16 ft. long, kiln dried, \$4/bd ft. Richard Adams, Cleveland 704-450-7446.

New Case IH clean grain elevator chain, still in box, fits IH 1420/1620 combines, \$200. Will McCallum, Rowland 910-740-3267.

#13 Mason canning jars, 1/2 gal, blue, \$100; #13 Mason canning jars, quart, blue, \$75. Gary Williams, Granite Falls 828-396-2510.

T-steel fence posts, 6-6 1/2 ft. length, 35 avail, \$3 ea. Tom Sladky, Reidsville 336-694-4046.

2,000 tomato stakes, metal re-bar, 4 1/2 in. length, \$2.50 ea. John Yelton, Gold Hill 704-213-9892.

Tuthill/Fill Rite 122GR fuel pump, hand crank, w/hose, NIB; GoldenRod #495 filter w/#496-5 water block element, NIB, \$90/both. E.W. Gann, Yadkinville 704-985-6642.

Sullair air compressor, on wheels, 172 Ford ind eng, works great, \$1,200. James Isley, Julian 336-263-1958.

New water pump, #SE-B2YLE3C, 3.5 hp, \$300. J. Lloyd Mabe, Danbury 336-703-8232.

Oil heater, 150-gal tank, \$250. N. Lee, Advance 336-998-8922, nights.



Supplies Wanted

T-posts, 5-6 ft. J.D. Isley, Reidsville 336-349-7368.



Trucks & Trailers For Sale

2009 Ford F250 super duty, needs work, \$2,500. Mary Davis, Asheboro 336-873-7805.

1988 Ford L8000 spreader truck w/litter & lime bed, 6-spd trans, 2-spd rear end, 14 ft. warren bed w/elect tarp & gate, brake system replaced, \$15,000. Clay Ford, Granite Falls 828-312-3080.

Bumper hitch hay & farm trailers, 6x14 up to 8x18, all dual axles, \$700-\$1500. Darrell Wood, Garner 919-302-0549.

2022 Calico stock trailer, 16 ft., gooseneck, \$8,995. Y.D. Saul, Elon 336-213-6292.

Bandys HS Ag Ed teacher receives national award

Laura Pugh Parker’s path could have taken many different directions, but the Bandys High School ag teacher knows she is where she was meant to be, doing what she meant to do. And, she knows one teacher can make a big difference.

The wife and mother of two, who counts hundreds of current and past ag students as her own, too, was recently recognized as the National Association of Agricultural Educators’ Region V Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award recipient. It was the honor of a lifetime.

“I’m still in disbelief,” Parker said. “I look at so many ag teachers in the state and see so many doing great things, and you think ‘I’m not there with them.’

“There are around 550 ag teachers in the state so I was shocked that I was selected as the N.C. Outstanding Agriculture Teacher last year,” she added. “That application was then sent on to the national level in which one agriculture teacher from each of the six regions is recognized, and I was so surprised to be recognized on that level!”

As we celebrate National FFA Week, it seems fitting to feature someone like Parker who is helping guide and develop the next generation of ag leaders.

Parker grew up in Alleghany County surrounded by agriculture with grandparents on one side who were dairy farmers and later raised beef cattle and tobacco farmers on the other. Initially she thought she wanted to pursue a degree in interior design, but after attending the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders at N.C. State University that changed.

She recalls the camaraderie, cooperation and the feeling of community that were part of the Institute and shared by the staff and attendees.

Specifically, meeting and engaging with Dr. Jim Flowers, former department head in ag education at NCSU, during the institute became a turning point in her life and career aspirations.

“He is a major reason that I decided to become an ag education teacher,” she said. “He wanted to see students achieve in whatever they wanted to do and that was inspiring to me and I wanted to be part of his program at State.”

It is a philosophy that guides Parker as she works with students today.

She is proud they can use the skills cultivated in the ag education classes and FFA programs “to advance agriculture in the state.

“It’s neat to help kids find their passion and then seeing them fly,” she said. “I enjoy helping them become voices and advocates for agriculture. It’s the most rewarding career ever.”

Ag education classes today draw a range of students – some who grow up on a farm and those who live in cities. The classes offer life lessons each can benefit from as producers and consumers.

“For those who don’t come from an ag background, they will start to realize the connection between farming and food. They realize the sacrifices that producers put forth to ensure we have protein and plants,” she said. “They see that agriculture is more than sows, cows and plows and I hope they all start to see where they fit into the industry.”



Laura Parker, center, receiving the Regional V Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher Award at the National Association of Agricultural Educators meeting in New Orleans.

For the students with ag backgrounds and who may be interested in an ag career, she can see the maturity that comes from real life work experiences.

“I see the growth and development that comes with the responsibility of caring for animals,” Parker said. “Watching these kids invest in breeding decisions and learning time management from getting up before school to feed their animals, it makes them so much better prepared for whatever comes next.”

Part of the ag education curriculum includes a focus on finances and record keeping – skills that serve anyone well. Parker also works with kids to develop a career map to provide a strategy for success.

“We focus on the here’s where I want to be, and then work with them to figure out what they need to do to get there,” she said. “I remind them that Rome wasn’t built in a day and we have to work hard for the things that matter to us.”

Parker said she has found a supportive community in Catawba County that continually reminds her she is where she is supposed to be.

“We have a saying at Bandys and that is ‘row the boat,’ meaning that we will achieve great things when we work together,” Parker said.

Teaching and living through the pandemic has reinforced the values that first drew Parker to ag education in the first place and fits with the Bandys motto. To work through the challenges of the pandemic, Parker created a resource guide she shared with other teachers in the state and helped to build a collaborative resource to share items that were created or found that could be used by all. These resources included videos, interactive notes, worksheets and even labs that could

be completed remotely.

“Our most valuable resources are each other and being able to build each other up and support one another. And I think the pandemic has taught us even more how important this is with students and other ag teachers in the state.”

Graduations are bittersweet, but Parker recognizes it’s her students’ next step to realizing their dreams.

“You don’t know how many pieces of my heart leaves every year when they graduate,” she said. “I want them to know when they leave here how much they are valued as an individual and I want the very best for them whatever path their lives take and whatever they do.”

About Laura

A graduate of Alleghany High School, Laura earned a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Education and a minor in Animal Science from N.C. State University and a master’s degree from N.C. A&T State University in Agricultural Education. She also earned her National Board of Professional Teaching Licensure in 2011.

About the NAAE Award

The NAAE Outstanding Agricultural Education Teacher award program recognizes active NAAE members who are at the pinnacle of their careers, conducting the highest quality agricultural education programs. It rewards them for their excellence, leadership, and service in the agricultural education profession. It highlights each teacher’s ability to draw upon community resources to provide relevant and meaningful educational experiences for all students. Award recipients demonstrate how they are innovators and catalysts for agricultural education.

Price scanner errors

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(Sampson) Dollar General at 608 E. Highway 24, Roseboro has paid \$6,835 in fines. An initial inspection in June found a 12-percent error rate based on six overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in July found a 15-percent error rate based on 45 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in September found a 4.33-percent error rate based on 13 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in November.

(Surry) Dollar General at 514 N. Renfro St., Mount Airy has paid \$5,000 in fines. An initial inspection in September found a 16-percent error rate based on eight overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in November found a 20.67-percent error rate based on 62 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Union) Walmart at 2101 Young St., Indian Trail has paid \$2,700 and owes \$2,960 in fines. An initial

inspection in August found a 4-percent error rate based on four overcharges in a 100-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found a 4.67-percent error rate based on 14 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in November.

(Vance) Dollar General at 35 N. Oliver Drive, Henderson has paid \$5,000 in fines. An initial inspection in September found a 24-percent error rate based on 12 overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in October found a 19.33-percent error rate based on 58 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Wake) Family Dollar at 100-139 Raleigh Blvd., Raleigh has paid a total of \$17,315 in fines. An initial inspection in October 2020 found a 10-percent error rate based on five overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in November 2020 found an 8.67-percent error rate based on 26 errors in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in January 2021

found a 6.67-percent error rate based on 20 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A fourth inspection in March found a 7.33-percent error rate based on 22 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A fifth inspection in June found an 8.33-percent error rate based on 25 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A sixth inspection in August found a 4.33-percent error rate based on 13 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in October.

(Wake) Target at 4191 The Circle at North, Raleigh has paid \$4,560 and owes \$1,685 in fines. An initial inspection in August found a 6-percent error rate based on six overcharges in a 100-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found an 8-percent error rate based on 24 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in November found a 3.67-percent error rate based on 11 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Watauga) Tractor Supply at 2221 Old 421 S., Boone has paid \$615 in

fines. An initial inspection in July found a 6-percent error rate based on six overcharges in a 100-item lot. A follow-up inspection in August found a 4.33-percent error rate based on 13 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in October.

(Wayne) Family Dollar at 102 Five Points Road, Goldsboro has paid \$4,260 and owes \$3,035 in fines. An initial inspection in August found an 18-percent error rate based on nine overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found a 9.33-percent error rate based on 28 overcharges in a 300-item lot. A third inspection in November found a 6.67-percent error rate based on 20 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Wayne) Dollar General at 100 Genoa Crossing Drive, Goldsboro has paid \$2,790 in fines. An initial inspection in August found an 8-percent error rate based on four overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in September found a 5-percent error

rate based on 15 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store passed inspection in November.

(Wayne) Dollar General at 3334 US Highway 13 S., Goldsboro has paid \$3,075 in fines. An initial inspection in October found a 10-percent error rate based on five overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in November found a 13.33-percent error rate based on 40 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.

(Yadkin) Dollar General at 103 West Main St., East Bend has paid \$4,980 in fines. An initial inspection in September found a 10-percent error rate based on five overcharges in a 50-item lot. A follow-up inspection in November found a 14.67-percent error rate based on 44 overcharges in a 300-item lot. The store will be re-inspected.